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# SUBJECT:

# Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs Eligibility and Documentation Technical Assistance Guidance

**ATTACHMENTS:** None. (Referenced documents are available in the "All Programs" directory of the <u>Workforce Staff</u>

<u>Program Documents webpage</u> on *jobs.mo.gov*. Updates to these documents may post-date this Issuance.)

This Issuance is Official Policy of the Missouri Office of Workforce Development

**ISSUING AUTHORITY:** 

Mardy Leathers Director

Missouri Office of Workforce Development REQUIRE CREATION OR ALTERATION OF A CORRESPONDING LOCAL POLICY

THIS ISSUANCE DOES NOT

#### **KEYWORDS:**

Adult; Dislocated Worker; Eligibility; Technical Assistance Guide (TAG); Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

# THIS ISSUANCE AFFECTS:

Missouri One-Stop Delivery System
(MJCs/AJCs)
WIOA Title I Performance/Accountability
WIOA Title I One-Stop Delivery/Service
Providers
WIOA Adult Employment/Training
WIOA Dislocated Worker Employment/Training
WIOA Fiscal/Administrative Procedures
State of Missouri Workforce System
Procedures

### **FOR THE ATTENTION OF:**

DHEWD State Professional Staff One-Stop frontline staff Local Fiscal Agents Local WDB Directors One-Stop Operators One-Stop Functional Leaders Service Providers Local Equal Opportunity Officers Local Quality Assurance Monitors Local JVSG Veterans Reps Local Trade Act Reps

## **RESCISSIONS:**

DWD Issuance 04-2017, "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs Eligibility and Documentation Technical Assistance Guidance Policy," September 13, 2017.

# **REFERENCES:**

WIOA Section 134 [<u>29 U.S.C. 3174]</u> <u>20 CFR Part 680</u>.

# **SUMMARY:**

This Issuance transmits the Technical Assistance eligibility and documentation requirements of the Office of Workforce Development (OWD) for the WIOA¹ Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. It includes source documentation requirements and information on Measurable Skill Gains, Credential Attainment, and minor language changes. This Issuance supersedes and rescinds previous guidance on this subject.²

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pub. L. 113-128 [29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> DWD Issuance 04-2017, "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs Eligibility and Documentation Technical Assistance Guidance Policy," September 13, 2017.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

WIOA requires determinations of whether individuals are eligible to receive assistance in the form of career services<sup>3</sup> and/or training services<sup>4</sup> under Title I. The implementing rules at <u>20 CFR Part 680</u> establish general eligibility criteria, and periodic guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) updates and refines the definitions of valid data and documentation. The most recent guidance<sup>5</sup> of this type has prompted the need for this updated Issuance.

#### SUBSTANCE:

OWD's Technical Assistance Guide (TAG): Adult and Dislocated Worker Program Eligibility, including a table of Eligibility and Data Validation Documentation Requirements, is available online in the "All Programs" directory of the Workforce Staff Program Documents webpage on jobs.mo.gov. It provides technical assistance and program guidance to assist workforce system personnel in making determinations for program eligibility, maintaining acceptable documentation and aligning with WIOA and State regulations, policies, and procedures. The WIOA Title I Youth Program is addressed in a separate Issuance and TAG.

The *Eligibility and Documentation Requirements Table* lists required data elements, program eligibility criteria and requirements, and the sources of documentation approved by the DOL's Employment and Training Administration and OWD. The sections of the Table include General Eligibility, Adult Program, Dislocated Worker Program, and Other Required Data Elements.

# **ROLES, RESPONSIBILITES, and REQUIRED ACTIONS:**

All Local Workforce Development Board Directors, Functional Leaders, and Supervisors should immediately inform frontline workforce system staff of the rules in the referenced online document.

All frontline workforce system staff handling enrollments and posting services to the State electronic case-management system (MoJobs) should immediately apply these rules as described to determining eligibility for basic services, and individualized career services, and training.

### **TIMELINE:**

# **INQUIRIES:**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> WIOA sec. 134(c)(2)(A)(i) [29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(2)(A)(i)].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> WIOA sec. 134(c)(3)(A)(i)(I) [29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(3)(A)(i)(I)].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 07-18, "Guidance for Validating Jointly Required Performance Data Submitted under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)," December 19, 2018.